

Multiple Regression Analysis : Further Issues

1 Data scaling on OLS statistics

When we change the unit of measurement^{ve} of a variable, the value of estimators would change accordingly. For example

$$\widehat{bwght}_g = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 cigs + \hat{\beta}_2 faminc,$$

where

$bwght$ = child birth weight, in grams.

$cigs$ = number of cigarettes smoked by the mother while pregnant, per day.

$faminc$ = annual family income, in thousands of dollars.

- What if we use $bwght$ in kilograms?

$$1 \text{ kg.} = 1000 \text{ g.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{bwght}_{kg} &= \frac{\widehat{bwght}_g}{1000} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0}{1000} + \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{1000} cigs + \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{1000} faminc \\ &= \hat{\alpha}_0 + \hat{\alpha}_1 cigs + \hat{\alpha}_2 faminc \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha}_0 &= \frac{\hat{\beta}_0}{1000}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_1 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{1000}, \quad \hat{\alpha}_2 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{1000} \end{aligned}$$

- What if we use $faminc$ in USD (instead of 1000 USD)

$$\begin{aligned} bwght_g &= \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 cigs + \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{1000} faminc_{USD} \\ &= \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 cigs + \hat{\theta}_2 faminc_{USD} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{1000}$$

The value of this variable is going to be 1000 times larger than $faminc$

in other words $\hat{\theta}_2$ = impact of 1 USD ↑ in income
 $\hat{\beta}_2$ = ——— 1000 USD ↑ in income

- What if we use $bwght$ in kg & income in THB

$$bwght_{kg} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_0}{1000} + \frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{1000} cigs + \left(\frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{1000} \right) faminc$$

THB

← This value is going to be 30,000 times more than $faminc$

2 More on functional forms

! Logarithmic Functional Form

$$\Delta Y = Y_1 - Y_2$$

$$\Delta X = X_{11} - X_{12}$$

usually means natural log

$$\log(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x_1) + \beta_2 x_2 + u$$

$$\circ \beta_1 = \frac{d \log(y)}{d \log(x_1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{y} dy}{\frac{1}{x_1} dx_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{y} \Delta y}{\frac{1}{x_1} \Delta x_1} = \frac{100 \times \frac{1}{y} \Delta y}{100 \times \frac{1}{x_1} \Delta x_1} = \frac{\% \Delta Y}{\% \Delta X}$$

with the $\log y$ & $\log x$ format, the coefficient is going to be the **elasticity**! (x_1 elasticity of y)

$$\circ \beta_2 = \frac{d \log(y)}{dx_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{y} dy}{dx_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{y} \Delta y}{\Delta x_2}$$

$\Rightarrow$ if we want the upper term to be % change, then

$$100 \beta_2 = \frac{100 \frac{1}{y} \Delta y}{\Delta x_2}$$

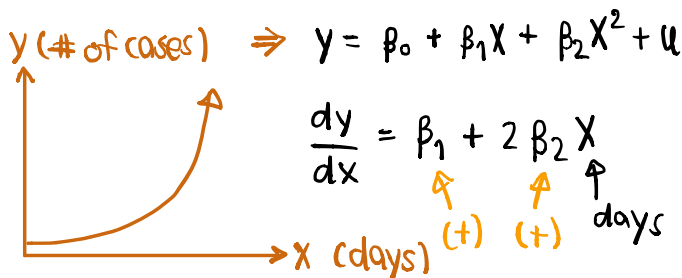
$$100 \beta_2 = \frac{\% \Delta Y}{\Delta x_2}$$

$100 \beta_2 = \% \Delta$ in Y given that x_2 increases by 1 unit.

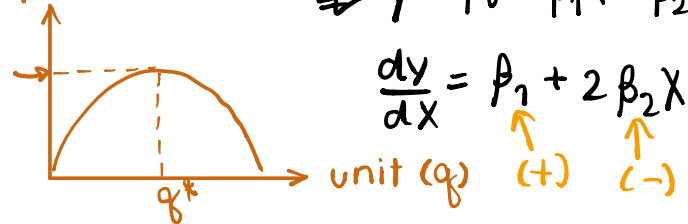
! Models with Quadratics (squares)

$\rightarrow$ Capture increasing/decreasing marginal effects (slope of the relationship between X & Y is not constant.)

COVID-19 example



Decreasing returns



$$\pi = (P - MC)q; \quad mc = 10$$

$$\text{Demand: } P = 100 - q$$

$$\pi = (100 - q - 10)q$$

$$\text{F.O.C } \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial q} = 0 = 90 - 2q$$

$$\log(\text{price}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(\text{nox}) + \beta_2 \log(\text{dist}) + \beta_3 \text{rooms} + \beta_4 \text{room}^2 + \beta_5 \text{stratio} + u$$

β_1 is positive
 β_2 is (-)

Derivatives of exponential and logarithmic functions [\[edit \]](#)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c^{ax}) = ac^{ax} \ln c, \quad c > 0$$

the equation above is true for all c , but the derivative for $c < 0$ yields a complex number.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_c x) = \frac{1}{x \ln c}, \quad c > 0, c \neq 1$$

the equation above is also true for all c , but yields a complex number if $c < 0$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln |x|) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^x) = x^x(1 + \ln x).$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(f(x)^{g(x)}\right) = g(x)f(x)^{g(x)-1}\frac{df}{dx} + f(x)^{g(x)}\ln(f(x))\frac{dg}{dx}, \quad \text{if } f(x) > 0, \text{ and if } \frac{df}{dx} \text{ and } \frac{dg}{dx} \text{ exist.}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(f_1(x)^{f_2(x)^{\dots f_n(x)}}\right) = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\left(f_1(x_1)^{f_2(x_2)^{\dots f_n(x_n)}}\right)\right] \Big|_{x_1=x_2=\dots=x_n=x}, \text{ if } f_{i < n}(x) > 0 \text{ and } \frac{df_i}{dx} \text{ exists.}$$

Logarithmic derivatives [\[edit \]](#)

The **logarithmic derivative** is another way of stating the rule for differentiating the **logarithm** of a function (using the chain rule):

$$(\ln f)' = \frac{f'}{f} \quad \text{wherever } f \text{ is positive.}$$

Logarithmic differentiation is a technique which uses logarithms and its differentiation rules to simplify certain expressions before

$$\frac{d \ln x}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow$$

$$d \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

where

price = housing price

nox = level of pollution

dist = distance from downtown

rooms = number of rooms

stratio = average student per teacher ratio

The estimation result is given by

In the US or many other countries, students can apply to schools in the area without having to take any test.
So, the lower stratio, the better the school.

regress lprice lnox dist rooms rooms_sq stratio

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs = 506		
Model	51.4933152	5	10.298663	F(5, 500) = 155.62		
Residual	33.0889098	500	.06617782	Prob > F = 0.0000		
Total	84.582225	505	.167489554	R-squared = 0.6088		
				Adj R-squared = 0.6049		
				Root MSE = .25725		

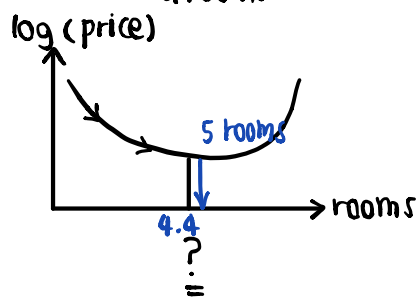
	lprice	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]
log(price) → lprice						
log(nox) → lnox	β_1	-.9767545	.0995938	-9.81	0.000	-1.172429 - .7810806
dist	β_2	-.0321972	.0094013	-3.42	0.001	-.050668 - .0137264
rooms	β_3	-.5528032	.1612965	-3.43	0.001	-.8697056 - .2359007
rooms_sq	β_4	.0624697	.0124867	5.00	0.000	.0379368 .0870025
stratio	β_5	-.0486667	.0058131	-8.37	0.000	-.0600879 - .0372455
_cons		13.59154	.5650901	24.05	0.000	12.4813 14.70178

$$|t| > 1.96 \uparrow \quad \uparrow \text{all} < 0.05$$

→ all variables are significant

Consider the effect of "room"

$$\frac{d \log(\text{price})}{d \text{rooms}} = \beta_3 + 2\beta_4 \text{rooms} = -0.553 + 2(0.062) \cdot \text{rooms}$$



* at how many rooms does 1 additional room has a positive impact on log(price) ?

$$0 = -0.553 + 2(0.062) \cdot \text{rooms}$$

$$\text{rooms} = 4.4$$

Answer ⇒ at 4.4 rooms or more

at → 5 rooms or more

What would be the % change in price when the number of room increases from 5 to 6?

$$\frac{d \log(\text{price})}{d \text{rooms}} = -0.553 + 2(0.062) \cdot \text{rooms}$$

$$100 \cdot \frac{1}{\text{price}} \frac{d \text{price}}{d \text{rooms}} = 100 (-0.553 + 2(0.062) \cdot 5)$$

$$= 100 \times 0.067 = 6.7\% \text{ increase}$$

→ what about % in price when # rooms increases from 5 to 7 ?

$$\% \Delta \text{Price} = 100 (-0.553 + 2(0.062) \cdot 6) = 19.1\%$$

total % Δ in price when # rooms increase from 5 to 7 is 6.7 + 19.1% = 25.8%

3 Models with Interaction Terms $\Rightarrow$ used when the impact of one variable depends on the value (level) of another variable.

Consider

$$\text{price} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \underset{X_1}{\text{sqrft}} + \beta_2 \underset{X_2}{\text{bdrms}} + \beta_3 \overset{X_3}{\text{sqrft} \cdot \text{bdrms}} + \beta_4 \underset{X_2}{\text{bthrms}} + u$$

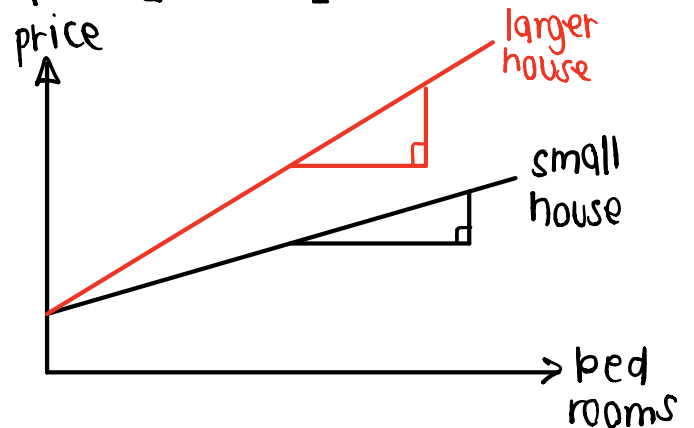
where

price = housing price

sqrft = house size (square feet)

bdrms = number of bedrooms

bthrms = number of bathrooms



$$\circ \frac{d\text{price}}{dbdrms} = \beta_2 + \beta_3 \text{sqrft}$$

$\Rightarrow$ if $\beta_2 > 0$ then, an additional bedroom would increase price more for a larger house!

4 More on the Goodness-of-Fit and Selection of Regressors

! Adding more regressors ALWAYS improve fit $\Rightarrow R^2$ always $\uparrow$

◦ But we lose the "degree of freedom"

(d.f. = free data point used to estimate the parameter)

$\Rightarrow$ 1 data point is sacrificed every time we estimate a parameter

◦ Using R^2 would not punish "having too many regressors."

◦ We use adjusted - R^2 of R^{-2} when we want to punish adding too many regressors

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{SSR}{SST} = \frac{1 - SSR/n}{SST/n}$$

$$\text{adj. } R^2 = \frac{1 - SSR / (n - k - 1)}{SST / (n - 1)}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ If we have more k , d.f. = $n - k - 1 \downarrow$, $SSR / (n - k - 1) \uparrow$, $\text{adj. } R^2 \downarrow$

Using adjusted R-squared to choose between non-nested models (one model is not a subset of another).

Consider Model 1

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{salary}} &= 830.63 + 0.0163\text{sales} + 19.63\text{roe} \\ &\quad (223.90) \quad (0.0089) \quad (11.08) \\ n &= 209, \quad R^2 = 0.029, \quad \bar{R}^2 = 0.020 \end{aligned}$$

Consider Model 2

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\widehat{\text{salary}}) &= 4.36 + 0.2751 \log(\text{sales}) + 0.0179\text{roe} \\ &\quad (0.29) \quad (0.033) \quad (0.004) \\ n &= 209, \quad R^2 = 0.282, \quad \bar{R}^2 = 0.275 \end{aligned}$$

$\leftarrow$ 27.5% of variation in Y is explained. So, this model is better!